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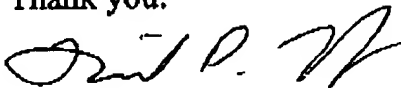
Thank you for speaking with me today.

I enclose:

1. A proposed claim 40 ( the sole independent claim)
2. The first page of the issued corresponding German Patent which shows that the Siersch reference was considered and overcome in Germany.
3. An English translation of DE 198 22 255 C2 claim 1.

Please call me tomorrow morning, to discuss.

Thank you.



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40. (Proposed Twice Amended) An illumination arrangement for a stereo microscope, in particular, a Grocnough type comprising:

a least one illumination channel arranged in a plane essentially orthogonal to [the] a plane of the two observation channels, wherein the illumination is effected at an angle to the optical axis of the microscope by means of at least one light conductor so that no direct reflection of illumination light falls into the observation channels and a florescence excitation is effected through the light conductor.

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